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## CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1. A method for synthesizing an oligosaccharide comprising the steps of:
  - (a) combining a glycosyl donor molecule and a glycoside acceptor molecule in a reaction mixture, said glycosyl donor molecule having a .beta. configuration and said glycoside acceptor molecule having an .alpha. configuration, or vice versa; and
  - (b) enzymatically coupling the donor molecule to the acceptor molecule using Agrobacterium .beta.-glucosidase in which amino acid 358 has been changed from glutamic acid to an amino acid with a non-carboxylic acid side chain.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the, amino acid 358 has been changed from glutamic acid to alanine.

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## ABSTRACT:

Mutant glycosidase enzymes are formed in which the normal nucleophilic amino acid within the active site has been changed to a non-nucleophilic amino acid. These enzymes cannot hydrolyze disaccharide products, but which can still form them. Using this enzyme, oligosaccharides are synthesized by preparing a mixture of an .alpha.-glycosyl fluoride and a glycoside acceptor molecule; enzymatically coupling the .alpha.-glycosyl fluoride to the glycoside acceptor molecule to form a glycosyl glycoside product using the mutant glycosidase enzyme; and recovering the glycosyl glycoside product. Particular enzymes include a mutant form of Agrobacterium .beta.-Glucosidase in which the normal glutamic acid residue at position 358 is replaced with an alanine residue.

2 Claims, 3 Drawing figures

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## CLAIMS:

We claim:

1. A method for synthesizing an oligosaccharide comprising the steps of:  
(a) combining a glycosyl donor molecule and a glycoside acceptor molecule in a reaction mixture; and  
(b) enzymatically coupling the donor molecule to the acceptor molecule using a mutant form of glycosidase enzyme to form the oligosaccharide, said enzyme being selected from among glycosidase enzymes having two catalytically active amino acids with carboxylic acid side chains within the active site of the wild-type enzyme, and said mutant enzyme being mutated to replace one of said amino acids having a carboxylic acid side chain with a different amino acid of comparable or smaller size, said different amino acid having a non-carboxylic acid side chain.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the glycosidase enzyme is a stereochemistry retaining enzyme in which one of the carboxylic acid side chains in the active site functions as an acid/base catalyst and the other carboxylic acid side chain functions as a nucleophile, and wherein the amino acid having the nucleophilic carboxylic acid side chain is replaced in the mutant enzyme.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein the enzyme is a .beta.-glycosidase.
4. The method of claim 3, wherein the glycosyl donor molecule is an .alpha.-glycosyl fluoride.
5. The method of claim 4, wherein the .alpha.-glycosyl fluoride is an .alpha.-glucosyl fluoride.
6. The method of claim 4, wherein the .alpha.-glycosyl fluoride is an .alpha.-galactosyl fluoride.
7. The method of claim 1, wherein the enzyme is a .beta.-glycosidase.
8. The method of claim 1, wherein the enzyme is a .beta.-glucosidase.
9. The method of claim 8, wherein the enzyme is Agrobacterium .beta.-glucosidase in which amino acid 358 has been changed from glutamic acid to an amino acid with a non-carboxylic acid side chain.
10. The method of claim 8, wherein the enzyme is Agrobacterium .beta.-glucosidase in which amino acid 358 has been changed from glutamic acid to alanine.
11. The method of claim 1, wherein the acceptor molecule is an aryl-glycoside.
12. The method of claim 11, wherein the acceptor molecule is a nitrophenyl-glycoside.
13. The method of claim 1, wherein the glycosidase enzyme is a stereochemistry

inverting enzyme in which one of the carboxylic acid side chains in the active site functions as an acid catalyst and the other carboxylic acid side chain functions as a base catalyst, and wherein the amino acid having the carboxylic acid side chain which functions as a base catalyst is replaced in the mutant enzyme.

14. The method of claim 1, wherein the enzyme is a mutant form of human or porcine .alpha.-amylase in which amino acid 197 has been changed from aspartic acid to alanine.

15. The method of claim 1, wherein the enzyme is a mutant form of human or porcine .alpha.-amylase in which amino acid 197 has been changed from aspartic acid to an amino acid with a non-carboxylic acid side chain.

16. The method of claim 1, wherein the enzyme is a mutant form of yeast .alpha.-glucosidase in which amino acid 216 has been changed from aspartic acid to alanine.

17. The method of claim 1, wherein the enzyme is a mutant form of yeast .alpha.-glucosidase in which amino acid 216 has been changed from aspartic acid to a non-carboxylic acid amino acid.